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SUBJ: INFORMATION ON REFUGEES FOR CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

REF: STATE 68576, ISLAMABAD 3253

1. MFA STILL IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE EITHER REQUESTED  
STATISTICS ON REFUGEES OR ESTIMATE IN TIME FOR SPECI-  
FIED APRIL 5 DEADLINE.

2. IN ABSENCE ANY GOP FIGURES, EMBASSY HAS ATTEMPTED  
MAKE OWN ASSESSMENT. OUR CONCLUSION IS THAT NUMBER OF  
MUSLIMS IN PAKISTAN WHO FLED OR WERE EVICTED FROM INDIA  
SINCE 1963 WHO HAVE NOT BECOME FULLY ASSIMILATED AND  
WHOSE STATUS REMAINS ESSENTIALLY THAT OF REFUGEE IS  
INSIGNIFICANT IF INDEED THERE ARE ANY AT ALL. WHILE  
BOTH 1965 AND 1971 WARS CREATED LARGE NUMBER OF  
TEMPORARILY DISPLACED PERSONS IN PAKISTAN (AS MANY AS  
1.2 MILLION IN 1971) FEW IF ANY OF THEM CAME FROM  
INDIAN TERRITORY AND VIRTUALLY ALL OF THEM SUBSEQUENTLY  
RETURNED TO AREAS OF ORIGIN WHEN ARMIES WITHDREW BEHIND  
BORDERS. ASIDE FROM THESE WARS, ONLY EVENT WE CAN  
RECALL WHICH PRODUCED QUANTITY OF REFUGEES WAS SERIES  
OF COMMUNAL RIOTS IN EAST PAKISTAN IN 1963 THAT LET  
TO FLIGHT OF HINDUS FROM EAST PAKISTAN INTO WEST  
BENGAL AND OF MUSLIMS IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION. WE DO  
NOT KNOW WHETHER ANY OF THESE DISPLACED PERSONS

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REMAIN IN REFUGEE STATUS BECAUSE AFFECTED AREA IS NO

LONGER PART OF PAKISTAN BUT OF BANGLADESH.

3. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE ONLY APPRECIABLE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN PRESENT-DAY PAKISTAN WHO COULD REASONABLY BE CLASSED AS REFUGEES CONSISTS OF NON-BENGALEES FROM BANGLADESH WHO HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO PAKISTAN DURING PAST SIX MONTHS UNDER TERMS OF AUGUST 1973 DELHI AGREEMENT. TOTAL OF PERHAPS 90,000 HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO PAKISTAN TO DATE (INCLUDING 20-ODD THOUSAND FROM NEPAL AND BURMA) AND AN ADDITIONAL 40-50 THOUSAND EXPECTED IN FUTURE. OF THESE, ICRC RECENNLy ESTIMATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 40,000 WILL NEED RELIEF AND RESETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE. NONE OF THESE WOULD APPEAR TO FALL WITHIN CATEGORY DESCRIBED PARA 2 STATE 47280, HOWEVER, SINCE THEY HAVE COME NOT FROM INDIA BUT FROM BANGLADESH. BYROADE

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